

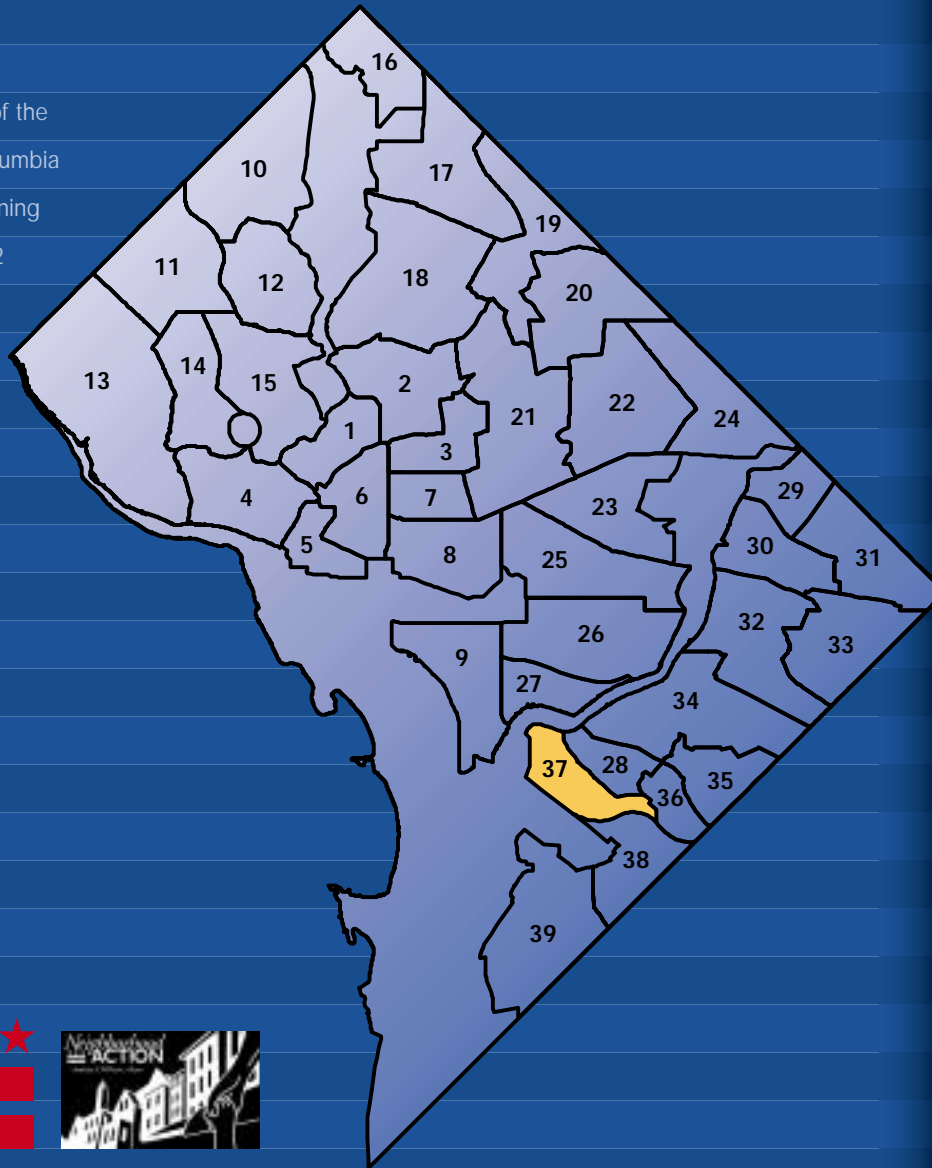
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Letter From the Mayor



Dear Resident,

I am very proud to present the Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) for your Neighborhood Cluster. I personally want to congratulate all the citizens, the citizen and civic associations, the faith community, the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, the businesses, and others that helped shape this plan.

I have personally reviewed these plans and am struck by the tremendous amount of work, thought, and commitment that went into their preparation. I value these SNAPs as a way to communicate directly with you, the residents and stakeholders of this marvelous city.

What began at the city-wide level with the first and second Citizen Summits in 1999 and 2001 has been expanded at the neighborhood level through the Neighborhood Planning, Neighborhood Service, and Neighborhood Outreach efforts—all part of the overall Neighborhood *Action* program. Through this triad, I have heard your concerns and priorities directly and have taken measures to respond.

This Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan is not just words on paper. Every agency in my administration has reviewed these plans to see how they might contribute to advancing the priorities and objectives you outlined here. As you know, this was a tough budget year. I instructed agencies to preserve their commitments to addressing your priorities, as they assessed how and where to trim their budgets. What's more, additional funding was provided to specifically accomplish a number of important neighborhood priorities articulated through the SNAPs across the city. This approach includes funding to install an additional 600 litter cans across the city; hire an additional Fire Inspector for every Ward; add another staff person under the Clean City Administrator, who will further the goal of neighborhood cleanliness; hire additional Historic Preservation staff to review projects in historic areas; and more. While not every priority was met, such changes signal tangible evidence of my belief that the business of government starts with the business of the people.

This SNAP document is a first of its kind. It is the first time a major city has coordinated a plan with every neighborhood in the city in a single year. It is the first product of many that will provide citizens with a record of how this government will directly respond to your priorities.

I am excited about this SNAP document and about what it signals for the future of our neighborhoods and our city. I look forward to working with you, my agencies, and other stakeholders to implement the many significant priorities you have identified here. Congratulations, and now the work begins.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Williams
Mayor

Dear Resident,

Enclosed is your Neighborhood Cluster's Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP). I want to personally thank all who contributed to developing this plan and congratulate them for their hard work. Many in your neighborhood devoted considerable time identifying strategies to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. This effort has helped us—the District government—better partner with you to make concrete improvements in our communities.

Your SNAP is a new kind of "plan for action" because it will not simply sit on a shelf. It is a document that lists key commitments by agencies and includes a timeline for implementation. It is a document whereby the commitments will be tracked by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood *Action* to ensure that they are followed through to completion. It is an action plan and a foundation of our city's budget.

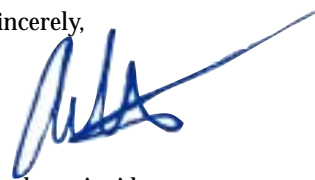
With the same level of deep commitment in developing this plan, I urge you—neighborhood groups, the faith community, businesses, nonprofits, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, and others—to help implement the remaining actions. While I know many of you have been active in your neighborhoods for years, implementing specific actions in this plan will help unite government and citizen efforts through its goal of addressing specific priorities identified by your neighbors.

Our work with you in your neighborhoods has just begun! Even though this SNAP is now developed, your Neighborhood Planner will continue to work with your Neighborhood Cluster throughout this next year. Some specific work for her includes providing planning and outreach support for (1) the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative and Poplar Point, (2) a commercial revitalization strategy for Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Good Hope Road,

(3) redevelopment of St. Elizabeth's Hospital campuses, and (4) exploration of neighborhood-scale development at the Anacostia Metro station.

I look forward to our continued work with you in your Neighborhood Cluster. Thank you and congratulations once again for all your hard work and dedication in developing this SNAP.

Sincerely,



Andrew A. Altman
Director, Office of Planning

Letter From the Director



Neighborhood Action

Three years ago, Mayor Williams's administration developed a new framework for how the District government would work together with citizens and other partners to make good decisions and to improve our city. This framework was the start of *Neighborhood Action*. The mission of *Neighborhood Action* is to empower citizens to improve their communities by mobilizing and coordinating the resources of government, businesses, nonprofits, the faith community, neighborhood leaders, and the citizens themselves. *Neighborhood Action* has held four Citizen Summits: one in November 1999, a follow-up in January 2000, one in October 2001, and another in December 2001. There were also two Youth Summits to hear from our younger residents. At those public forums, citizens shared their priorities for the city, which helped redefine our District government's priorities at the city-wide level.

It was also realized, however, that there was much work to be done at the neighborhood level. As part of

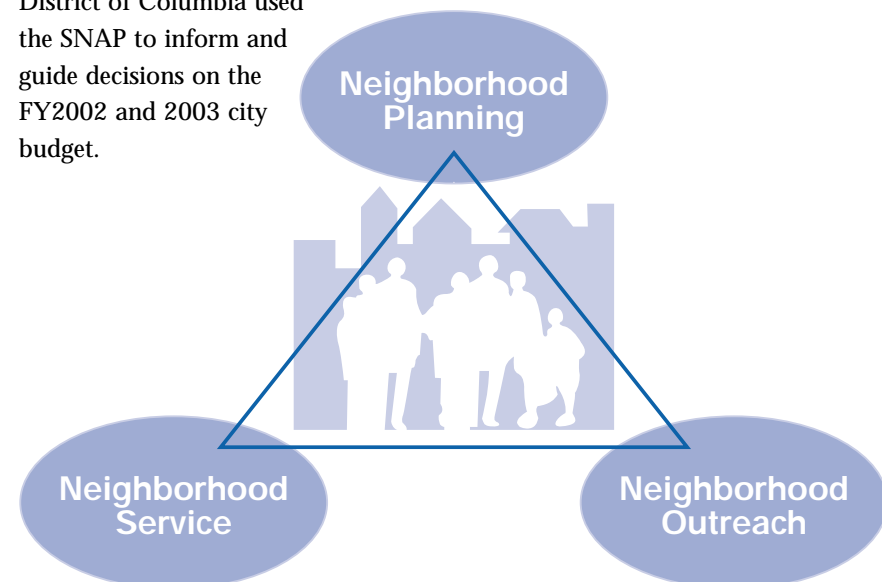
Neighborhood Action, the *Neighborhood Action Triangle* was created—three neighborhood initiatives aimed to identify and then solve neighborhood-specific issues. They are the *Neighborhood Service Initiative*, the *Neighborhood Outreach Program*, and the *Neighborhood Planning Initiative*. **Neighborhood Service** addresses recurring service delivery problems that require the coordinated involvement of more than one agency. **Neighborhood Outreach** holds public meetings, town halls, “coffee with the Mayor,” and other meetings to ensure that this administration stays connected to neighborhood issues. **Neighborhood Planning** has been working with citizens to identify top priority issues and to develop Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAPs) for each of the 39 Neighborhood Clusters in the city.

Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan

This document is the SNAP for your Neighborhood Cluster. Citizens, citizen groups, businesses, the faith community, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, and others helped

develop this plan with the *Neighborhood Planning Initiative* located in the DC Office of Planning (OP).

The SNAP is part of *Neighborhood Action*, which is Mayor Williams's initiative to reengage citizens in the governance of their city and to establish a vision, priorities, and action for your Neighborhood Cluster. For the first time in the District, the SNAP provides residents a process to articulate and begin addressing many of the neighborhoods' most pressing challenges. The government of the District of Columbia used the SNAP to inform and guide decisions on the FY2002 and 2003 city budget.



Introduction

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Unlike the long-range goals of the Comprehensive Plan, the SNAP identifies near-term goals (i.e., goals for a 2-year period). Through a series of community workshops and meetings, community stakeholders identified the priority areas of the Cluster 37 SNAP: Public Safety, Environment Improvement and Neighborhood Beautification, and Quality Educational Facilities. Those three priorities and the actions recommended to address them reinforce several community concerns identified in the Ward 8 plan. Progress on each action committed to by a District agency will be tracked through annual status reports by the Office of Neighborhood Action.

Although the SNAP is an independent planning document not tied to the Comprehensive Plan, it could inform residents about how the Comprehensive Plan is updated in the future. Currently, the Mayor and Council are appointing a Comprehensive Planning Task Force representing a broad cross-section of stakeholders to work

with the Office of Planning as it undertakes a review of the current plan and planning process.

The Comprehensive Plan

Throughout the SNAP process, residents asked, “How do Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans relate to the Comprehensive Plan?” While both documents outline a vision for neighborhoods and include concrete and identifiable goals for your community, there are differences in how they are used by District agencies and what the immediacy is of their effect on your neighborhood.

The *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* is a long-range (20 years) general policy document that provides overall guidance for the future planning and development of Washington, DC. District agencies use this document as a guide to ensure that their actions reinforce the long-term goals of the city. The Comprehensive Plan was first proposed by the Mayor and adopted by the Council in 1984 and 1985, respectively. Amendments to the plan are proposed by the Mayor and approved

by the Council every 4 years. The plan has been amended in 1989, 1994, and 1998. The plan includes both local and Federal elements and is the only planning document mandated by the Home Rule Act. There are 10 local elements, which together are usually referred to as the “District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan”: General Provisions, Economic Development, Housing, Environmental Protection, Transportation, Public Facilities, Urban Design, Downtown Plan, Human Services, and Land Use.

The Ward 8 plan is one part of the goals for the Comprehensive Plan. It establishes a vision for Ward 8 over 5 years (1999–2004) that will improve the availability of housing, retail services, employment, transportation, public services, and community facilities. DC Village, Saint Elizabeth’s Hospital campus, Camp Sims, and the Anacostia Metro station were identified as Special Treatment Areas or Development Opportunity Areas as a mechanism to stimulate employment and redevelopment opportunities.

A Message From Your Neighborhood Planner

As your Neighborhood Planner, my job has been to guide residents and stakeholders of Cluster 37 through the neighborhood planning process. The goal of this process was to facilitate a citizen-driven effort to identify neighborhood priorities to help guide District agencies, nonprofits, and others to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. Together, we have produced your first Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP). This effort has truly been a monumental effort achievement!

At times, the task has not been easy. I know that, historically, areas in this Cluster have not received the level of attention that residents felt they deserved. There were those of you who did not want to attend another meeting—but came anyway. There were those of you who did not believe that this process would bring about real change—but came anyway. There are those of you who have worked to create a better neighborhood without government assistance and did not believe that the

time had come when your government would assist you as a willing partner. Although we have a long way to go—we have heard you. This document is proof that your government is changing to better serve you, as well as providing a tool for you to hold us accountable.

While there are tremendous challenges for the neighborhoods of Cluster 37, there is real reason for optimism. The priorities for action identified in this plan have resonated throughout the District government at every level. Through the SNAPs, not only have we ensured citizen-driven planning, but also citizens are, in fact, helping to drive capital investments, service delivery, and policy initiatives. For example, Fort Stanton residents identified numerous infrastructure upgrades needed, such as installing new lights, paving streets and sidewalks, and finding traffic-calming alternatives. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has plans to pave sidewalks and streets on Elvans Road, install

new streetlights, and include the area in a traffic study for the Howard Road and Suitland Parkway area.

I would like to recognize the tremendous commitment and dedication of those who participated in this planning process. They were active throughout the effort as they reviewed and fine-tuned many elements of the draft SNAP. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your community both to implement the actions outlined in this plan and to achieve the vision of livable, equitable, and vibrant neighborhoods throughout the District of Columbia.

To better understand what makes your Neighborhood Cluster special, please read the following sections that describe both the positive and negative conditions found in your communities, including physical characteristics, demographics, and recent activity in your neighborhood.

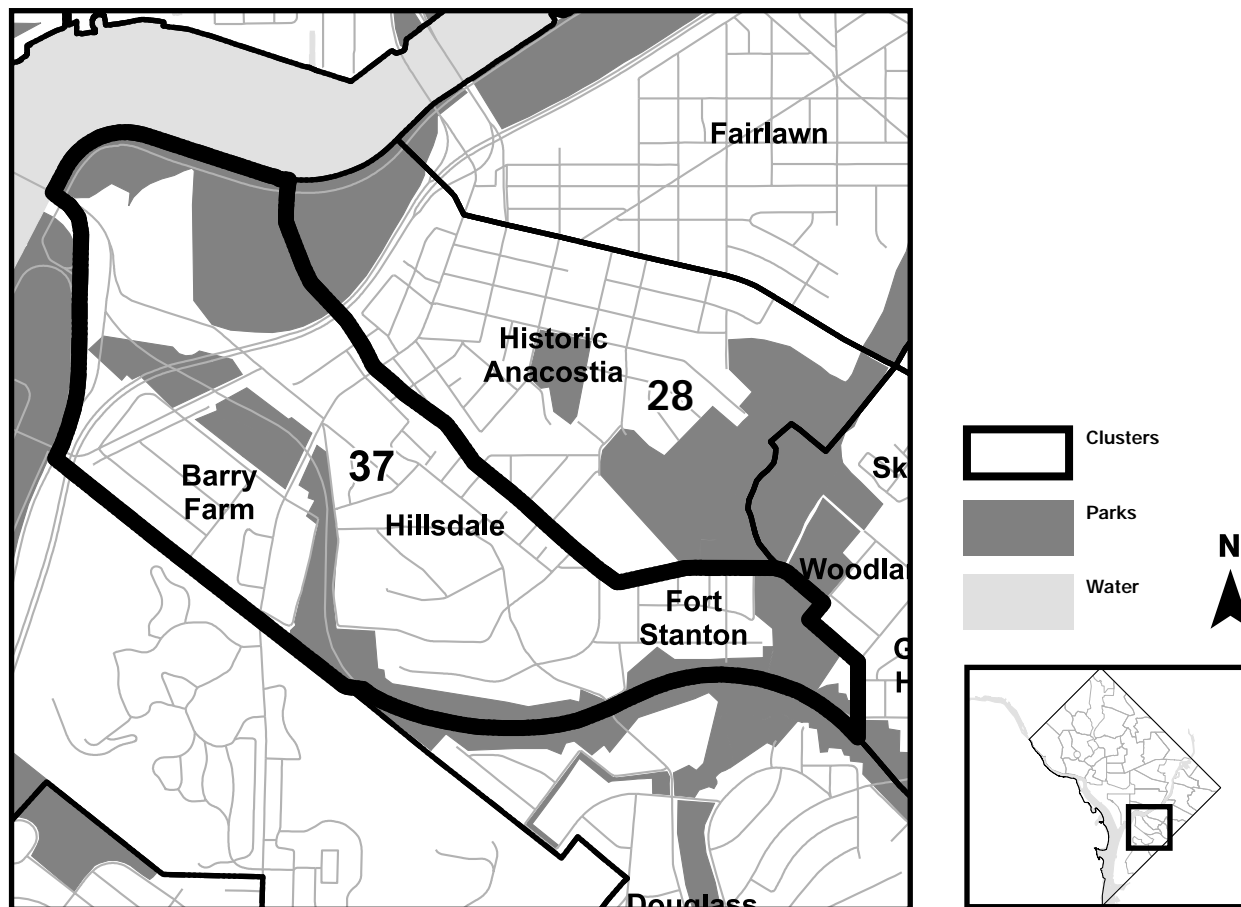
Venita Ray¹
Neighborhood Planner, Cluster 37

1. This Cluster will have a new Neighborhood Planner. For more information, contact the Office of Planning at 202-442-7600.

State of the Cluster

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Cluster 37: Barry Farm, Hillsdale, Fort Stanton



Cluster 37 Neighborhoods

This document is the first SNAP developed for Neighborhood Cluster 37. Your Neighborhood Cluster is shown on the map and includes the following neighborhoods:

- Barry Farm
- Fort Stanton
- Hillsdale

These three neighborhoods developed this SNAP with the help of Neighborhood Planner, Venita Ray.

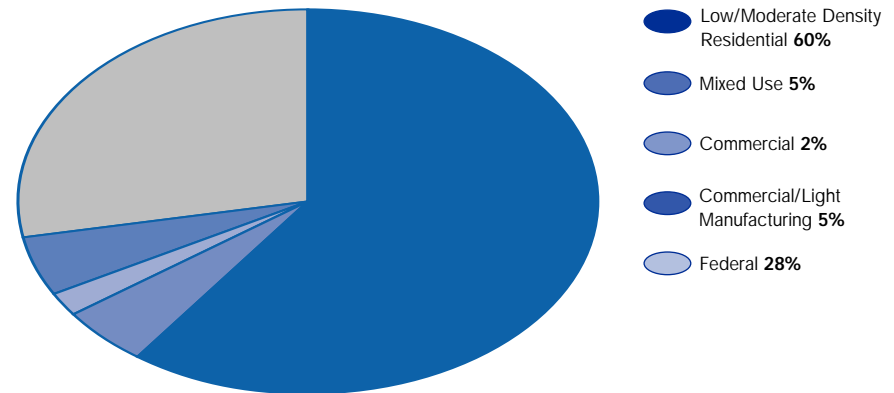
Physical Characteristics and Assets

Cluster 37 is made up of the neighborhoods of Barry Farm, Fort Stanton, and Hillsdale. The Cluster is bounded on the north by Morris Road, Erie Street, and Howard Road; on the east by 18th Place; on the south by Saint Elizabeth's Hospital and Suitland Parkway; and on the west by Interstate 295 and Firth Sterling. Although Ward 8 is commonly referred to as "East of the River" because it is bounded on the east by the Anacostia River, Ward 8 also has the distinction of being situated between two rivers: the Anacostia on the east, and the Potomac on the west.

Beginning in 1852 with the construction of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, institutional and industrial governmental uses began to occupy the majority of the land in Ward 8. Significant resi-

dential and commercial development did not begin in Ward 8 until the early 1940s. Between 1940 and 1950, Ward 8 experienced significant growth as a result of the expansion of the Federal work force and the onset of World War II. Today, approximately 60% of the land in the Cluster is zoned for residential uses, 2% for commercial, and 28% for Federal uses. The majority of Cluster 37 neighborhoods are made up of single-family detached and semi-detached housing with a mixture of multifamily apartment complexes. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Good Hope Road SE are the key commercial corridors that serve this Cluster. A breakout of the types and corresponding percentages of land uses for this Cluster is shown on the pie chart to the right.

Land Uses in Cluster 37



Source: Zoning Data contained in the Central DC GIS Database maintained by DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer, as of April 2002

Anacostia Metro Station



Smithsonian Institution Anacostia Museum & Center for African American History and Culture



Townes at Hillside



Some highlights of Cluster 37's assets and features include the following:

- *Neighborhoods that offer sound housing stock and a changing real estate market.*
- *Hillside locations known for their panoramic views of downtown Washington to the west and the Potomac River and Virginia to the east.*
- *Neighborhoods that feature hilltop wooded slopes and open park-like settings, which offer an urban community with a suburban flavor.*
- *Neighborhoods with narrow, winding streets caused by the hilly topography.*
- *The newly constructed Anacostia Neighborhood Museum.*
- *Close proximity to historic Anacostia and the historic landmark, the Frederick Douglass House.*
- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade.*
- *Congress Heights Day held every May.*
- *The UNIFEST Street Festival held annually in June in historic Anacostia.*
- *An annual boat ride on the Anacostia River sponsored by the Anacostia Coordinating Council in September.*
- *The annual Red and White Ball sponsored by Ward 8 Democrats every December.*

Demographics

Cluster 37—which includes the neighborhoods of Barry Farm, Fort Stanton, and Hillside—has approximately 8,600 residents, representing about 1.5% of the District’s population. African Americans make up the majority of residents in this Cluster, constituting 98% of its population. The Cluster’s median household income (\$24,854) is significantly less than the city-wide median (\$43,001). The percentage of owner-occupied households in this Cluster (15%) is also lower than the city-wide average (41%). The adjacent chart provides some basic information on your neighborhood such as age, race and ethnicity, and family income for 2000. It also shows data for 1990, which allows you to see how your Cluster has changed. To learn more about other demographics, you may obtain a copy of the Cluster 37 Data-book by contacting the DC Office of Planning (OP) at 202-442-7600.

	Cluster 37: 1990	Cluster 37: 2000	City-wide: 2000
Population	8,233	8,596	572,059
Age			
Under 18 Years	36%	43%	20%
Between 18 and 65 Years	58%	52%	68%
Over 65 years	6%	5%	12%
Race and Ethnicity			
African American	99%	98%	60%
White	0%	1%	31%
Hispanic ¹	1%	0%	8%
Income			
Median Household Income ²	\$19,947	\$24,854 ³	\$43,001 ³
Education			
High School Graduates	53%	Data not yet available	73%
College Graduates	6%	Data not yet available	33%
Housing			
Occupied Housing Units	2,625 units	2,745 units	274,845 units
Percentage of Housing Units Owner-Occupied	17%	15%	41%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 data.

1. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

2. Median income is the income level at which half of the households earn more and half earn less. It is literally the income that is in the middle.

3. Claritas, Inc., 1998 data.

Recent Neighborhood Activity

Cluster 37, as in most neighborhoods of Ward 8, is experiencing increases in new housing construction. Cluster 37 is also located close to other neighborhoods that are undergoing significant new housing construction, a resurgent housing market, and new neighborhood retail development.

The following is list of key activities:

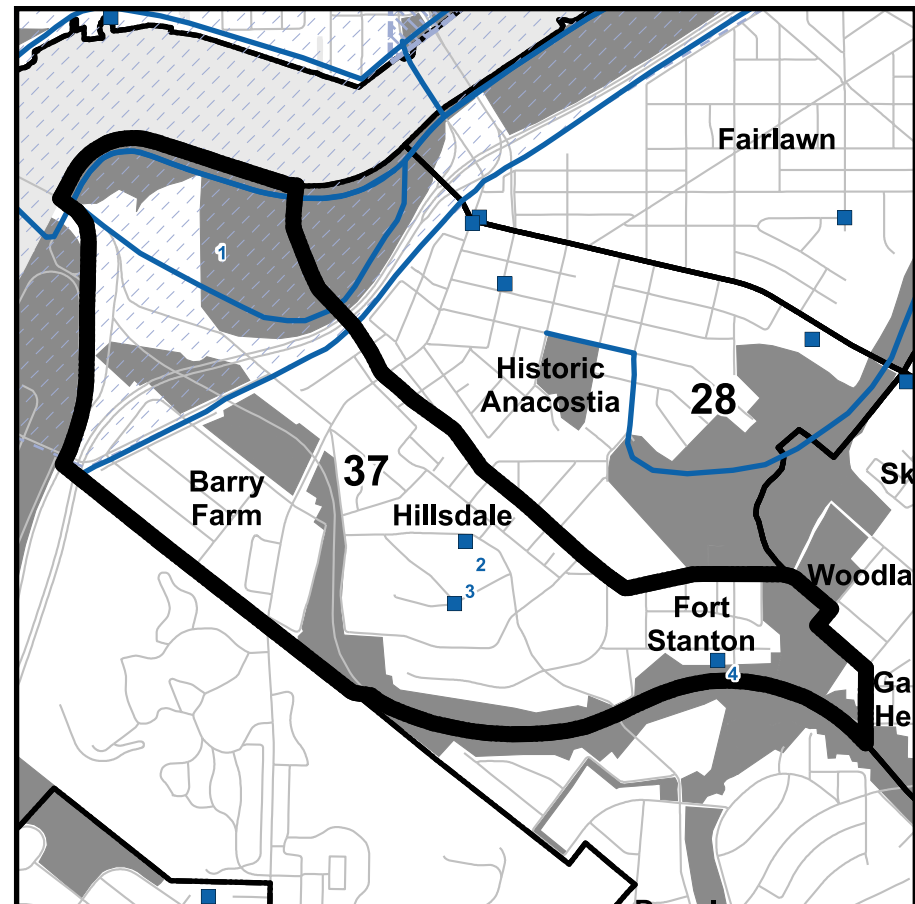
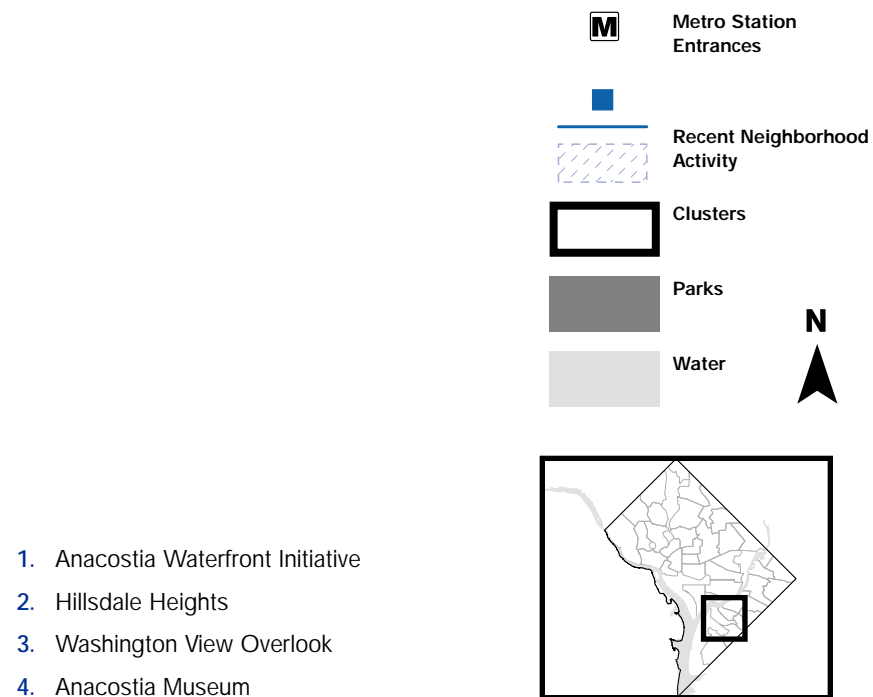
- *Hillsdale Heights Townhouses are currently under construction by East of the River Community Development Corporation. The project will have 56 townhomes to be built in three phases. East of the River CDC will begin construction on 77 units called Washington View Condominiums.*
- *Anacostia Gateway is a proposed site for a new government center at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE and Good Hope Road SE.*
- *In close proximity to Cluster 37 is the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI), which envisions a new, energized waterfront for this new millennium. The changes should unify the diverse waterfront areas into a cohesive and attractive mixture of commercial, residential, recreational, and open-space uses. The River Walk and Trail are major components of the AWI.*
- *The Smithsonian Institution recently completed construction of a new Anacostia Neighborhood Museum.*
- *This neighborhood is adjacent to the future site for the only Ward 8 grocery store and 80 new homes at Camp Sims.*

The Recent Neighborhood Activity Map on the following page depicts the key activities in your cluster.

Fort Stanton Recreation Center



Recent Neighborhood Activity in Cluster 37



Citizen-Driven Process

The commitment of Neighborhood *Action* is to engage citizens in the governance of their city and to align government priorities with citizens' priorities. Following the tradition of the Citizen Summit, the Neighborhood Planning Initiative has citizen engagement at the core of its mission. As such, the process for developing your SNAP was built around a four-phase, citizen-driven process: (1) Start Up, (2) Visioning and Identifying Essential Ingredients, (3) Action Planning, and (4) Validation.

The hard work began in phase two, when a Visioning and Identifying Essential Ingredients Workshop was held in each Neighborhood Cluster between January and June 2001. At this workshop, citizens were asked to create a list of essential ingredients for their Cluster. Essential ingredients are characteristics vital to making a neighborhood a place where people and families can live and thrive.

Your Cluster identified and ranked 9 essential ingredients as vital for a livable community:

1. Safe and clean neighborhoods
2. Housing
3. Transportation and infrastructure
4. Unity, cohesion, and a village environment
5. History preservation
6. Improved retail choices
7. Superior educational system
8. Youth and recreational activities
9. Jobs in the neighborhood

Cluster Priorities

Participants were then asked to identify three to four priority essential ingredients that would be the focus of additional action planning. For FY2002 and FY2003, they agreed on the following priority ingredients:

- Safe and Clean Neighborhoods
- Housing Enforcement and Compliance
- Transportation and Infrastructure

Next, residents were invited to participate in a series of Action Planning meetings to identify specific actions for addressing their priorities. During this extensive exercise, participants were challenged to think strategically about the necessary steps and the specific locations to begin addressing the priorities. With the detailed priorities, objectives, actions, and locations, the SNAP served as a tool for District agencies in preparing their FY2003 budgets.

Developing Your SNAP

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How We Involved You

Phase I: Start Up

- Conducted informal consultations with neighborhood leaders to discuss the concept of the SNAP and to develop key contacts. Those consultations were held from October 2000 to February 2001.
- Recruited and formed a Neighborhood Action Steering Committee to plan and promote the Neighborhood Cluster Workshop. A Neighborhood Action Steering Committee meeting was held on February 12, 2001, followed by an ongoing consultation in preparation for the workshop.

Phase II: Visioning and Identifying Essential Ingredients

- Convened a Neighborhood Cluster Workshop on March 31, 2001, at Savoy Elementary School to identify the essential ingredients for a healthy neighborhood and to establish priorities.

Phase III: Action Planning

- Organized topical Action Planning Work Sessions to develop preliminary action plans. The meetings were held every Tuesday, beginning May 24, 2001 through July 17, 2001.

Phase IV: Validation

- Convened a Neighborhood Cluster meeting on September 4, 2001, to review and validate the draft plan.

Community Outreach

- Announced the Steering Committee Meetings, the Neighborhood Cluster Workshop, the Action Planning work sessions, and other meetings specific to the SNAP using a variety of outreach methods. Specifically, notices were distributed through direct mailings, were sent to area ANCs, were spread by telephone calls, and were handed out at Metro stations and shopping areas. Notices were posted in the Washington Post, over the DC Cable, and in key neighborhood locations.
- More than 65 citizens participated in the planning process.

District agencies then reviewed the neighborhood priorities as they reviewed their FY2002 budget and developed their proposed FY2003 budget. Beginning in October 2001, more than 40 agencies reviewed recommended actions and developed responses to address neighborhood priorities. Although resources are limited, agencies used neighborhood priorities as one of the inputs to help define what they should do next year, how they should be doing it, and where they should begin.

Further, when District agencies were asked to reduce their FY2003 budgets because of funding shortfalls, the Mayor and his administration emphasized that existing commitments to SNAP priorities remain untouched. Last, in a review of your SNAP and others across the city, additional funding was provided to certain agencies that needed more assistance to address neighborhood

priorities. For example, more funding was dedicated to city-wide issues such as the following:

- *Install an additional 600 litter cans across the city.*
- *Hire an additional Fire Inspector for every Ward.*
- *Hire an additional staff person who will be under the Clean City Administrator and who will further the goal of neighborhood cleanliness.*
- *Hire additional Historic Preservation staff members to review projects in historic areas, and more.*

These and other items were included in Mayor Williams' draft FY2003 budget that was submitted to the Council of the District of Columbia to consider as it reviewed and revised the budget. Now that the Council has approved the final FY2003 budget, the commitments to your neighborhoods are firm.

Agency Commitment Highlights

In Cluster 37, some of the key actions that concerned citizens the most received the following agency commitments:

Create Clean and Safe Neighborhoods

- *Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) will assign beat officers from Police Service Areas (PSA) 703 and 711 to work with Department of Public Works (DPW) to target violators who are dumping trash in the neighborhood.*
- *MPD will initiate programs to address red-light violators.*
- *DPW can place 180 trash cans in selected areas across the city, ensuring that each area meets specific criteria. Given the high demand for trash cans, DPW has requested and received funds to place the additional cans.*
- *DPW will assist community clean-ups by providing supplies and equipment.*

- *Office of the Clean City Coordinator (OCCC) will continue to conduct cleanliness assessments.*
- *To further implement the Clean City Initiative, one staff person will be hired.*

Increase Housing Code Enforcement

- *Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will regularly conduct housing inspections and will conduct surveys since hiring one Neighborhood Stabilization Officer for each Cluster.*
- *DCRA will prioritize the abandoned, obsolescent buildings identified by the community to establish time frames for action.*
- *Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will initiate quarterly informational sessions throughout the year.*

Increase Housing Code Enforcement

- *One Fire Inspector will be hired for the Ward.*
- *DHCD will ensure that any sub-standard structures in inventory will be offered in next Homestead program lottery.*
- *The staff will investigate whether privately owned structures can be pursued for the Homestead program.*

Clean up Vacant Lots and Prevent Illegal Dumping in Fort Stanton

- *DPW will hire one additional Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP) inspector in Ward 8 for a total of three inspectors. SWEEP inspectors will post “Clean It or Lien It” signs in areas where dumping occurs.*
- *DPW’s SWEEP inspectors and the Ward 8 Core Team will aid the Environmental Crimes Unit (ECU) in making an assessment of the area and will assist with stepped-up enforcement.*

Address Transportation Issues in Neighborhood

- *DDOT will install or conduct system upgrades to lighting on streets and alleys that have been identified in persistent problem areas. DDOT will pave street and sidewalks in the 2400–2500 block of Elvans Road SE.*
- *DDOT will extend traffic study at Suitland Parkway and Howard Road to include the Fort Stanton area and to increase traffic flow and traffic-calming alternatives.*

This section describes both District commitments and key community-led actions. The data are organized by each Cluster priority described above. Each Cluster priority is further described by “objectives,” which articulate specific problems or needs that must be addressed in order to accomplish the priority. For example, if a Cluster priority is Public Safety, one objective may be to “Develop strategies to reduce drug activity,” or “Improve relations between police and area residents.” Each objective then has a specific Action Plan that includes Proposed Action, Responsible Agencies, Budget Commitment, and Time Frame for Implementation.

The next chapter, the Action Plan, describes in detail how District and non-District agencies are responding, and will respond, to the citizens’ priorities in FY2002, FY2003, and beyond.

Understanding the Plan

The Cluster 37 Action Plan describes citizen-driven priorities in detail. The priorities specific to Cluster 37 are as follows:

- Safe and clean neighborhoods
- Housing code enforcement and compliance
- Improved transportation infrastructure

This section describes both District commitments and key community-led actions. The data are organized by the priorities described above. Each priority is further described by objectives, which articulate specific problems or needs that must be addressed in order to accomplish the priority. For example, if a Cluster's priority is Public Safety, objectives may be to "develop strategies to reduce drug activity" and to "improve relations between police and area residents." Each objective then has a specific Action Plan that includes Proposed Action, Responsible Agencies, Budget Commitment, and Time Frame for Implementation.

As you read through the Action Plan, you will notice that many of the recommended actions list commitments from multiple agencies. It is often the case in government that several agencies with specific expertise are required to work together to fully address any one issue. In those cases, the first agency listed is the lead agency, or agency that has primary responsibility for implementing or coordinating implementation. The additional agencies listed will play a supporting role to the lead agency. An agency commitment may range from providing background information or performing technical analysis on a specific project, to funding and managing a series of activities on a city-wide initiative.

The Action Plan also acknowledges the fact that government cannot address those priority issues alone. In many instances, the agencies will need the help of the business and institutional community, nonprofits, civic and citizen organizations, and individual citizens to create sustainable community improvement. During the SNAP process, many of the

priorities identified by your neighborhood included actions that require community or private-sector leadership and participation or both. The following Action Plan includes those community-led actions, and it begins the process of engaging residents and other organized groups to work together with government to address local issues.

The following pages provide the detailed District Agency commitments and timelines to begin addressing some of your top Cluster priorities.

Because partner names are abbreviated in this Action Plan, please refer to Appendix B for a list with the complete name of each partner.

The Action Plan

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Agency Responses to Citizen Priorities

PRIORITY 1:

Housing Code Enforcement and Compliance

Residents voiced concerns about the lack of enforcement by the city on housing violations and the failure by owners to maintain their property. Residents have requested demolition of properties that have become eyesores, are neighborhood nuisances, and are unsafe. Residents want to see more senior assisted housing and the reuse of vacant and abandoned structures to create affordable housing opportunities for residents. These neighborhoods have a large number of vacant lots, which residents want cleaned and redeveloped for appropriate uses, with single-family housing preferred to townhomes

OBJECTIVE 1:

Increase housing code compliance.

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
651	Identify and inspect all problem vacant lots or buildings with brief description of issues in the PPAs of Ft. Stanton (PPA#6), Barry Farm (PPA#11), and the Martin Luther King Jr. corridor from Morris Road to Howard Road (PPA#13).	1802 and 1806 Morris Road—overgrowth; 16th and Frankford Street—overgrowth; 1700-1800 Gainesville Street; lot adjacent to liquor store in 2600 block of Martin Luther King Jr.—drugs, public drinking, and loitering; corner of Wade Road and Eaton—District owned; 1712 Frankford—eyesore; 1204 Talbert (corner of Talbert and Martin Luther King Jr.)—drugs and loitering; 1811-1817 Gainesville and 2606 18th Street—boarded up multi-family buildings that are eyesores and have overgrowth	DPW	2173	The Department of Public Works (DPW) hired additional SWEEP inspectors in FY2002, which increased the number of inspectors in the Ward to 3 will increase the level of solid waste enforcement and education, and will help prevent illegal dumping.	FY2002
			DCRA	2172	The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) is conducting a city-wide, vacant property survey and will share this information with interested constituents. In accordance with original legislation, DCRA started Phase 1 Abandoned Housing Inventory in June FY2001. Phase 1 was completed in October 2001. The full inventory is to be completed in March 2002. Your Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO) will be informed of the specific locations. For more information on this process, please call Stanley Johnson, your NSO, at 202-645-8291.	
			OCC	2174	The Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC) will provide legal service support within the client agency's time frame.	

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PRIORITY 1: **Housing Code Enforcement and Compliance**

OBJECTIVE 1: Increase housing code compliance.

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
652	Create and implement the strategy and action plan for demolition, rehabilitation, and code enforcement.	1426 Morris Road SE, 2302 Pomeroy Road SE, 2308 Pomeroy Road SE, 2413 17th Place SE, 3021 Stanton Road SE, 3016 Stanton Road SE, 2 houses at corner of Maplevue, Mt View, and Martin Luther King Jr.	DCRA	2175	The Neighborhood Service Coordinator has completed a work plan for the persistent problem area (PPA) portion of the area and has forwarded a list of structures recommended for demolition. DCRA requests that the Core Team first review the addresses in question, next review the building code, and then determine whether there is a legal basis for condemnation. If there is a legal basis for condemnation, then the Core Team should work with DCRA on next steps.	Ongoing
			NSI	7037	The Neighborhood Service Coordinator has completed a work plan for the PPA portion of the area and has forwarded the list of structures recommended for demolition.	
			OCC	2177	OCC will provide legal service support within the client agency's time frame.	
3251	Request support from DCRA in identifying substandard structures for demolition.	1426 Morris Road SE, 2302 Pomeroy Road SE, 2308 Pomeroy Road SE, 2413 17th Place SE, 3021 Stanton Road SE, 3016 Stanton Road SE, 2 houses at corner of Maplevue, Mt. View, and Martin Luther King Jr.	DCRA	9913	DCRA is currently identifying and cataloging all vacant property in DC. Upon completion, all vacant properties will be registered and brought into compliance with the new Vacant Property Maintenance Code. To learn more about the Maintenance Code, please go to the website <www.dcrd.dc.gov> or call James Diggs at 202-645-8285.	

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PRIORITY 1:

Housing Code Enforcement and Compliance

OBJECTIVE 2:

Increase homeownership opportunities for Ward 8 residents.

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
653	Create and distribute to residents the education and information packets on existing programs.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	2179	All program information is available at area community development corporations (CDCs) and community-based organizations (CBOs). Ward 8 residents should contact University Legal Services (ULS) at 202-645-7175. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) currently is working on an informational campaign under which it will revise its written materials and will initiate quarterly information sessions throughout the city.	FY2002
			Community	6251	Success of this action will depend on community leadership and individual action. ANCs, citizens, community organizations, nonprofits, and others are encouraged to help implement this action.	TBD
3256	Consult with DHCD and other partners such as CDCs to work with residents to offer existing programs that will maintain and renovate existing housing stock such as providing incentives for developers and individuals who will renovate existing structures.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	5687	DHCD offers low-interest loans for single- and multi-family housing rehabilitation to benefit low- and moderate-income households. DHCD provides funding to CBOs to market DHCD's programs, which they do through public meetings, classes, etc. DHCD will advise the local CBO, which is ULS, of the community's interest. ULS may be contacted directly at 202-645-7175.	FY2002
			NSI	5688	These services are currently being provided under existing programs.	FY2002
654	Determine if any substandard structures are owned by DHCD and could be included in Homestead program.	PPA#6, PPA#11, PPA#13	DHCD	2180	The Homestead program will review the DHCD inventory and will determine if any substandard structures are owned by DHCD. Note that if a structure is owned by DHCD, it already is in the Homestead program and will be offered in the next lottery, with the date to be determined (TBD). The Homestead program staff members will determine whether there are privately owned structures that can be pursued through the Homestead program as well.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 1: **Housing Code Enforcement and Compliance**OBJECTIVE 2: **Increase homeownership opportunities for Ward 8 residents.**

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
3257	Set a goal for the percentage of homeownership.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	5690	DHCD has established a city-wide goal for creating new homeowners. DHCD works in partnership with the DC Housing Finance Authority (DCHFA) to promote homeownership city-wide. DHCD does not set small-area goals for homeownership. DHCD will target the homeownership program marketing to the area, however.	FY2002
			Community	5689	Success of this action will depend on community leadership and individual action. ANCs, citizens, community organizations, nonprofits, and others are encouraged to help implement this action.	TBD
3258	Develop a strategy to ensure that a certain percentage of existing residents become homeowners in new developments.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	5691	DHCD is not able to "reserve" homeownership assistance for a specific community. All income-eligible residents are encouraged to apply for homeownership and home repair assistance through their CBO. ULS is the CBO for Ward 8.	Ongoing
655	Demolish or rehabilitate buildings at 18th and Gainesville, and replace with new senior housing.	18th and Gainesville	DCRA	2181	Buildings are under renovation by the owner, and use will be determined by that owner. DCRA will monitor progress. Because buildings are under renovation by the owner, use is to be determined by the owner in accordance with appropriate zoning regulations. Thus, DCRA is monitoring the owner's progress at this location through the Building and Land Regulation Administration (BLRA) inspection processes.	Ongoing
			DHCD	6585	DHCD has worked with the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) and the Council to develop standards for affordable housing in the Housing Act of 2002. This project is not in DHCD's pipeline. Qualified entities may apply for funding in FY2003.	FY2003
			NSI	6252	Ward 8 CT has forwarded a list of recommended areas for demolition.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 1:

Housing Code Enforcement and Compliance

OBJECTIVE 2:

Increase homeownership opportunities for Ward 8 residents.

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
3260	Develop strategy to offset the reduction in housing options of 4- and 5-bedroom units to provide homeownership options for large families.	Ward-wide	DHCD	5694	DHCD recognizes the need for larger, "family-size" units and will support developers' efforts to build such units.	Ongoing
			DCHFA	5693	The DCHFA awards bonus points to developments, which include family-size units in projects that are being redeveloped.	FY2002
3261	Conduct regular homeownership seminars on programs, credit repair, fair housing information, legal rights and responsibilities, associations, etc.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	5695	CDCs and CBOs funded by DHCD will provide these services throughout the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in eligible parts of the city. Neighborhood groups should contact those entities directly. ULS serves Ward 8.	Ongoing
3262	Post fair housing information at various sites.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	5697	DHCD has recently received a Federal fair housing grant and will begin issuing publications on fair housing to CDCs and CBOs, as well as to the website at <www.dhcd.dc.gov>. DHCD held a public meeting in April 2002.	FY2002
3252	Determine if any substandard structures are owned by DHCD and could be included in Homestead program.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	5681	Homestead Program will review the DHCD inventory and will determine if any substandard structures are owned by DHCD. Note that if a structure is owned by DHCD, it already is in the Homestead program and will be offered in the next lottery, date TBD. The Homestead program's staff will determine whether there are privately owned structures that can be pursued through the Homestead program as well.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 2:

Safe and Clean Neighborhoods

The residents of this Cluster expressed concern that the failure to resolve problems related to having clean and safe neighborhoods would continue to negatively effect the historic character and park-like atmosphere that they enjoy. Areas of specific concern included abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping, poorly lit streets and alleys, trash, and traffic-related issues. Residents shared the need for clean vacant lots, more traffic enforcement, clean streets and alleys, improved lighting, surveillance at areas known for illegal dumping, and reductions in drug activity and automobile “chop shop” type operations.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Create cleaner neighborhoods.

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
657	Clean up public and private space along the Martin Luther King Jr. commercial corridor.	Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Morris Road to Howard Road	DCRA	6586	Business owners not in compliance with sanitation regulations will be fined. Street and tree-box sweeping will continue. DCRA is responsible for all activities on private space. DPW has the responsibility for all activities on commercial space. DCRA will have 39 Neighborhood Stabilization Officers (NSO) for each Cluster in the city and will have responsibility for inspection activities. Those NSOs will work closely with other agencies to ensure improved services to the community. This area has been identified as a problem area and the agencies are collaborating to address the issues. The NSO assigned to this Cluster is Stanley Johnson, 202-645-8291.	FY2002
			DPW	2185	Litter cans are emptied nightly. The streets are swept 2-3 times per week. Residents and business owners are responsible for cleaning sidewalks and private spaces. SWEEP Inspectors will be notified of locations.	Ongoing
			MPD	2186	The Police Service Area (PSA) Lieutenants for PSAs 703 and 711 will assign business beat officers to work with DPW to target the violators who are dumping the trash into the neighborhood. Those officers will also adopt a zero tolerance toward quality-of-life issues.	FY2002
			OCCC	6053	OCCC will continue to service an Adopt-a-Block steering committee for Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and will support the community outreach program.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 2: **Safe and Clean Neighborhoods**OBJECTIVE 1: **Create cleaner neighborhoods.**

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
657	Clean up public and private space along the Martin Luther King Jr. commercial corridor.	Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Morris Road to Howard Road	NSI	9937	The Ward 8 Neighborhood Services Core Team is working with OCCC on the Adopt-a-Block program, and this program is going to kick off in this block. The Neighborhood Service Initiative (NS) will also increase inspection of this area with DPW.	
658	Install litter cans at selected sites.	18th and Erie Street bus stop on both sides of street, corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Morris Road, and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Pomeroy	DPW	2188	DPW will place 180 litter cans in selected areas that meet certain criteria across the city. Given the high demand for litter cans, additional funds have been allocated in FY2003 to install more than 600 litter cans. DPW will give strong consideration to locations identified through the Neighborhood Planning process.	FY2002
659	Post signs warning against illegal dumping in the PPA.	Alley rear of 1225 Talbert St. SE, 2400 Elvans Road, and 15th and 16th Elvans Road PPA	DPW	2189	SWEEP inspectors will be notified of these locations and will post "Clean It or lien It" signs when dumping occurs on vacant lots. SWEEP inspectors will aid the Environmental Crimes Unit (ECU) in identifying illegal dumping sites for possible surveillance.	Ongoing
			NSI	9938	The Ward 8 Neighborhood Services Coordinator will have ECU make an assessment of the area and will ask ECU to post signs.	FY2002
			OCCC	6054	OCCC will provide cleanliness assessment data to DPW/SWEEP. To further implement the Clean City Initiative, one staff person will be hired.	FY2002
660	Use stepped-up enforcement to prevent illegal dumping.	Alley rear of 1225 Talbert Street SE, 2400 Elvans Road, and 15th Street and 16th Elvans Road PPA	DPW	2191	Six new SWEEP inspectors will be added during FY2002 to bring the total to at least three in each Ward. This Ward currently has two inspectors. They will work with ECU officers to help identify illegal dumpers. SWEEP inspectors will be notified of those locations.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 2: **Safe and Clean Neighborhoods**OBJECTIVE 1: **Create cleaner neighborhoods.**

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
660	Use stepped-up enforcement to prevent illegal dumping.	Alley rear of 1225 Talbert Street SE, 2400 Elvans Road, and 15th Street and 16th Elvans Road PPA	NSI	9940	The Ward 8 Neighborhood Services Coordinator will have ECU make an assessment of the area and will ask ECU to post signs.	
			OCCC	9939	OCCC will get information on Adopt-a-Block program to ANCs.	FY2002
			OCC	6055	OCC will implement a stepped-up ECU engagement. OCC will provide legal service support within client agency's time frame.	
3265	Initiate petition for regularly scheduled street cleaning.	Cluster-wide	DPW	5701	Residents who request scheduled sweeping of their street should present a signed petition to DPW. Petitions are available through the Call Center at 202-727-1000.	FY2002
			NSI	6959	DPW needs to distribute the procedure, and residents must petition for street cleaning. This step has been added to the Ward 8 Core Team work plans.	
661	Work with existing Adopt-a-Block Program.	Cluster-wide	DPW	2194	DPW's Helping Hand program also supports neighborhood-sponsored clean-ups. Tools and trash bags are available.	Ongoing
			NSI	7548	The Ward 8 Neighborhood Services Core Team has completed an assessment with the community and other government officials regarding neighborhoods that need immediate attention. NSI will create work plans (work plans are documents that the core team uses to address complex neighborhood problems) to clean these neighborhoods.	Ongoing
			OCCC	7550	Communities are encouraged to participate in Adopt-a-Block program and will be publicly recognized for helping making their neighborhoods cleaner.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 2:

Safe and Clean Neighborhoods

OBJECTIVE 2:

Initiate a campaign to restore civic pride.

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
662	Organize and convene a resident committee to begin civic pride campaign and to initiate the following action steps.	Fort Stanton, Barry Farm, and Hillsdale	DPW	2196	DPW's Helping Hand program also supports neighborhood-sponsored clean-ups. Tools and trash bags are available.	Ongoing
			OCCC	7552	Communities are encouraged to participate in the Adopt-a-Block program and will be publicly recognized for helping make our neighborhoods cleaner.	FY2002
			NSI	7551	NSI will continue to work with the residents to create strategies to beautify properties.	Ongoing
3266	Develop theme for a civic pride campaign.	PPA#6, PPA#11, and PPA#13	NSI	5703	NSI will work with the Neighborhood Action office to see if NSI can develop something from a city-wide prospect on Civic Pride.	FY2002
663	Schedule and conduct neighborhood walks and community clean-up days.	Fort Stanton, Barry Farm, and Hillsdale	OCCC	7557	OCCC will provide information on scheduling and on conducting community clean-ups to every community representative who contacts the OCCC.	FY2002
			DPW	2198	While DPW does not lead neighborhood clean-ups, DPW can support them with supplies and equipment. Through DPW's Helping Hand program, tools and trash bags are available. Please call Thomas Day at 202-645-7190 or go online to <www.cleancity.dc.gov>.	Ongoing
664	Coordinate clean-up days with DPW, Clean City Administrator, DCRA, and NSC to ensure government participation.	Fort Stanton, Barry Farm, and Hillsdale	DPW	2200	While DPW does not lead neighborhood clean-ups, DPW can support them with supplies and equipment. Through DPW's Helping Hand program, tools and trash bags are available.	Ongoing
			NSI	2199	NSI will continue to coordinate clean-up days with the community in the persistent problem areas.	Ongoing

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PRIORITY 2: **Safe and Clean Neighborhoods**OBJECTIVE 2: **Initiate a campaign to restore civic pride.**

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
664	Coordinate clean-up days with DPW, Clean City Administrator, DCRA, and NSC to ensure government participation.	Fort Stanton, Barry Farm, and Hillsdale	OCCC	7559	OCCC will provide information on scheduling and on community clean-ups to every community representative who contacts the OCCC.	FY2002
3267	Solicit media coverage of civic pride activities.	Fort Stanton, Barry Farm, and Hillsdale	DPW	5706	DPW solicits positive media coverage of events.	Ongoing
			OCCC	9918	Working with KWB, Inc., and DPW, OCCC will develop public service announcements for DC Cable and will encourage citizen participation in the Great American Clean Up and the Mayor's Adopt-a-Block program.	FY2002
3268	Form partnerships with schools, and create incentives for youth development.	Fort Stanton, Barry Farm, and Hillsdale	NSI	5707	The Ward 8 core team (CT) is working on a program to involve Ward 8 DCPS that will teach children civic pride and civic responsibility. The program is currently being developed, and we will announce the launch in FY2002.	FY2002
3269	Initiate "Don't Be a Litterbug" campaign.	Fort Stanton, Barry Farm, and Hillsdale	OCCC	9921	Working with KWB, Inc., and DPW, OCCC will develop some PSAs for DC Cable and will encourage citizen participation in Great American Clean Up and Mayor's Adopt-a-Block program.	FY2002
			DPW	5710	DPW will support OCCC in an anti-littering campaign.	FY2002
			NSI	5709	NSI will coordinate with OCCC to work with schools to further implement the "Don't Be a Litterbug" campaign.	Ongoing

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PRIORITY 2: **Safe and Clean Neighborhoods**OBJECTIVE 2: **Initiate a campaign to restore civic pride.**

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
665	Create brick neighborhood welcome signs.	Fort Stanton, Hillsdale, and Barry Farm	Community	6588	Success of this action will depend on community leadership and individual action. ANCs, citizens, community organizations, nonprofits, and others are encouraged to help implement this action	TBD
			DDOT	2201	The Downtown Business Improvement District (DBID), on behalf of DDOT, began meeting with residents in September 2001 to complete a plan for a way-finding system. The plans have now been completed and await implementation.	FY2002
3272	Research historic designation for 2536 Elvans Road, and designate if appropriate.	2536 Elvans Road SE in PPA#6	Community	5715	Success of this action will depend on community leadership and individual action. Citizens, community organizations, nonprofits, and others are encouraged to help implement this action.	
			OP	5716	The Office of Planning (OP) staff is researching property at the community's request. Estimated completion is FY2002.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 2: **Safe and Clean Neighborhoods**OBJECTIVE 3: **Create safer neighborhoods.**

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
666	Increase police enforcement activities on the commercial corridor of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.	Martin Luther King Jr. corridor between Howard Road and Morris Road	MPD	2203	The business beat officers will work with the merchants and residents to improve the quality of life in their community. The officers will also target individuals who are responsible for depositing trash and debris. District 7 will assign a foot officer from 10:00am to 6:00pm.	FY2002
667	Increase enforcement to prevent drug dealing and other nuisance activities at 1204 Talbert Street SE.	1204 Talbert Street SE	MPD	2205	The Narcotics Strike Force and the District Focused Mission Team Units will target, address, and reduce open-air markets. Major Narcotics will focus on long-term investigations of violent drug traffickers.	FY2002
			DCRA	2204	DCRA will monitor building maintenance.	
			DPW	7038	DPW is increasing the number of SWEEP inspectors, which will enable more attention to be focused on illegal dumping. ECU will be informed of site to monitor illegal dumping.	FY2002
668	Install or replace streetlights in alleys.	L-shaped alley adjacent to 1700 Gainesville, alley adjacent to 1225 Talbert, and alley on 17th Place	DDOT	2206	A system upgrade will be funded in FY2002.	FY2002
			NSI	9943	Through our work plans, NSI can help DDOT to conduct an assessment of these alleys. If streetlights need to be replaced, NSI will ensure that the lights are replaced. Also all alley lights will be replaced in the District within 24 months.	FY2003
3273	Remove abandoned cars.	Gainesville, corner of Howard Road and Bowen Road, Cluster-wide	DPW	5717	Abandoned and junk vehicles will be removed in a more timely manner following the opening of DPW's new impoundment lot in early FY2002. By mid-FY2002, additional tow cranes will be deployed.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 2: **Safe and Clean Neighborhoods**

OBJECTIVE 3: Create safer neighborhoods.

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
3273	Remove abandoned cars.	Gainesville, corner of Howard Road and Bowen Road, Cluster-wide	MPD	5718	When abandoned vehicles are parked on private property, an owner can notify MPD to respond. Once the MPD member responds and issues the vehicle a ticket, the owner or manager of said property can call a tow crane of his or her choice to have the vehicle removed at no expense to the property owner. When a vehicle has been abandoned on public space, MPD members are required to ticket the vehicle and to enter this information into the HANSEN system, which is currently inoperable in District 7.	
			NSI	1833	DPW is removing abandoned cars within 7 to 10 days of cars being reported to the Mayor's Call Center.	Ongoing
669	Replace, install, or increase brightness of streetlights.	Pomeroy, 18th Place, Pomeroy to Sheridan Terrace, Gainesville from 5th thru 18th through Elvans Road, 15th and Frankford, 18th and Morris Road, Eaton Road, Sumner Road, and Stevens Road	DDOT	2207	Lights on 52 light poles need system upgrades. DDOT will replace one light in FY2001 and the rest in FY2002. Residents chose the light at 17th and Frankford to be replaced in FY2001.	
			NSI	7564	Through the work plan process of the Neighborhood Services Core Team, NSI will request that DDOT survey these locations and determine if lights need to be replaced or the density increased.	FY2002
670	Start Partnership for Problem Solving group at the Cluster level to create a list of hot spots and strategies for elimination.	PSA 701, 703, and 711	MPD	2209	District 7 has a full staff of Lieutenants and will begin Partnership for Problem Solving in each PSA.	FY2002
671	Increase traffic enforcement.	Cluster-wide	MPD	2210	District 7 will initiate programs to address red-light and speeding violators. The success rate of the program will be measured by the number of arrests and the number of citations issued.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 2: **Safe and Clean Neighborhoods**

OBJECTIVE 4: Create safe environments for children near schools and recreation centers.

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
672	Increase police presence and visibility at schools and recreation centers.	Savoy Elementary School, Barry Farm Recreation Center, and Ft. Stanton Recreation Center	MPD	2211	District 7 currently has an officer assigned to this task. However, with the addition of more personnel, officers will be assigned to address quality-of-life issues in and around the areas of concern.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 3:

Improved Transportation and Infrastructure

Improving and maintaining infrastructure was a recurring theme for Cluster 37. Specific concerns included new and upgraded streetlights, improved traffic-calming methods, and better bus service. This Cluster has some areas that are in dire need of infrastructure improvements such as street, sidewalk, and alley paving. Residents also expressed the need for regular tree trimming and better-lit streets and alleys. Finally, residents were concerned about transportation and traffic issues. Residents requested speed bumps, stoplights, stop signs, and crossing guards for children.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Improve traffic flow, streets, and sidewalks.

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
3274	Extend traffic flow study at Suitland Parkway and Howard Road to include Morris Road and Erie Street.		DDOT	6960	DDOT will include Fort Stanton area in a traffic study already budgeted for FY2002. DDOT will install and increase traffic warning signs and signals.	FY2003
3275	Implement traffic-calming methods, i.e., speed humps, traffic lights.	Pomeroy Road, High Street, Howard Road, 2600 Wade Road, 2600 Dunbar Road, Morris Road, and Martin Luther King Jr.	DDOT	5720	DDOT will include the Fort Stanton area in a traffic study already budgeted for FY2002. Install and increase traffic-warning signs and signals.	FY2003
3276	Pave streets.	2400 Block of 18th Street, Evans Road from Stanton to dead end, and 1800 Morris Road	NSI	5721	Residents need to petition to have the street paved.	Out Years
			DDOT	6961	DDOT has completed the paving for 18th Street; Elvans Road and Morris Road are proposed for construction in FY2002 and FY2003	FY2002
673	Pave streets.	Elvans Road 2400–2500	DDOT	2212	Funds were budgeted in FY1999. Construction will begin by fall of this year.	FY2002

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PRIORITY 3: **Improved Transportation and Infrastructure**OBJECTIVE 1: **Improve traffic flow, streets, and sidewalks.**

Act-ID#	Action	Location	Partner	Res-ID#	Response	Starting
3277	Trim trees.	17th and 18th and Erie, corner of Elvans Road and Gainesville, and 1700 Frankford Street	DDOT	5722	DDOT has been completed this work.	FY2002
3278	Install stop signs.	Corner of Mt. View and Talbert Street, 17th and Erie, 1800 Morris Road, Anacostia Metro station (pedestrian crossing), and Cluster-wide	DDOT NSI	5724 5725	DDOT needs a letter from the ANC and needs a petition from the residents. Residents need to complete a petition with at least 51% of residents who live on this block. The ANC must agree to the petition, and then the petition must be sent to DDOT.	FY2003 Ongoing
674	Build new sidewalks.	2400–2500 Elvans Road, Wade Road between Sumner and Eaton, and Mt. View	DDOT	2213	Residents must petition. Elvans Road funds were budgeted in FY1999. Construction may begin as early as spring 2002.	FY2002
3280	Prohibit tractor-trailers from using residential streets.	Talbert Street to Talbert Terrace, Elvans Road	DDOT	5728	This issue will be studied as a part of the traffic study in FY2002.	Out Years
3281	Create a resident advisory group to work with DDOT to develop a new street name for 1800 block of Morris Road.	1800 block of Morris Road	DDOT	5729	DDOT will consider this action during the traffic study.	Ongoing

Actions With No Commitments

Even though District agencies considered all actions that this Cluster identified, a number of actions were suggested by citizens through the SNAP process that did not receive a commitment. Reasons for a lack of commitment ranged from the fiscal limitations (not enough money is currently available in the agency's budget), the particular agency with the authority to implement an action disagreed with the strategy, or the action needed more internal analysis before a commitment could be made. These actions included the following:

PRIORITY 1:

Housing Code Enforcement and Compliance

Action	Location	Agency	Agency Response
Get first-hand information on housing sales of whether buyer is an investor or an owner occupant.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	DHCD currently does not have resources to devote to this action. This action would be highly time-consuming, and the information collected will offer little opportunity for DHCD to take positive action to promote homeownership. There is no way to favor one type of buyer over another.
Establish a more inclusive definition of affordable housing.	City-wide	DMPED	Over the past 2 years, District agencies have helped finance the development of almost 400 new homeownership opportunities in Ward 8. Two of the District's HOPE VI projects, Wheeler Creek and Frederick Douglass/Station Dwellings have homeownership opportunities in them. The DCHFA provides low-interest loans and the DHCD provides down-payment assistance through the Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP) to help families purchase their own homes. With the passage of the Housing Act of 2002, the administration will be able to better support homeownership opportunities across the city and for Ward 8 residents. The Act authorizes historic housing tax credits that will help current and new homeowners in historic Anacostia to rehabilitate their homes. The Act provides rehabilitation tax credits for new homeowners in Enterprise Zones, which includes most of Ward 8. The Act also authorizes employer-assisted housing tax credits that will subsidize employers' assistance.

Actions With No Commitments

PRIORITY 1:

Housing Code Enforcement and Compliance

Action	Location	Agency	Agency Response
Establish a more inclusive definition of affordable housing.	City-wide	DHCD	DHCD has a supporting role in this action. Definitions of affordable housing (i.e., the income levels that should be targeted through housing policy) have been set through coordinated action with the Office of the DMPED. The administration then held discussions about income targeting with the DC Council in negotiating the final language of the Housing Act of 2002. The Act will be passed in Q2 of FY 2002 and includes various income-targeting mechanisms to ensure affordable housing funds benefit extremely low, very low, and low-income households.
Publish the Ward 8 listing of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants to faith-based community for housing rehabilitation.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	DHCD does not have immediate access to information on grants that HUD has made directly to Ward 8. Interested parties should contact the HUD Field Office.

Actions With No Commitments

PRIORITY 2:

Safe and Clean Neighborhoods

Action	Location	Agency	Agency Response
Form partnerships with schools, and create incentives for youth development.	Fort Stanton, Barry Farm, and Hillside	DPW	DPW will continue to promote recycling in schools. Please call Bill Easley at 202-645-7190 for more information. An education coordinator will be brought on board to facilitate this effort.

PRIORITY 3:

Improved Transportation and Infrastructure

Action	Location	Agency	Agency Response
Repair sidewalks.	Frankford Street between 18th Street and 17th Place, and Cluster-wide	DDOT	This action needs a letter from ANC and a petition.
Change street name at 1800 block of Morris Road.	1800 block of Morris Road	DDOT	This action needs approval from City Council

Overview

While this Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan outlines and begins to address the key priorities identified by the neighborhoods in your Neighborhood Cluster, several other neighborhood initiatives are playing a major role in improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Those initiatives include the following:

Neighborhood Service Initiative (NSI)

Neighborhood Service strives to find permanent solutions—not just quick fixes—for persistent problems in every Ward. To this end, the NSI, in partnership with residents and 13 District agencies, has identified Persistent Problem Areas (PPAs) in the community. In most cases, when the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has an active Police Service Area Plan (PSA Plan) or a Capital Community Plan, a PPA work plan was developed. Those areas have recurring problems that need the cooperation and coordination of

many government agencies to ensure that they become clean, safe, and healthy neighborhoods. Through a Core Team approach, 13 government agency representatives come together weekly in each Ward to develop and implement work plans in an effort to mobilize, reclaim, revitalize, and sustain abatement of the problems in PPAs. *Because this initiative has been very active in your Neighborhood Cluster, the following few pages provide more detailed information.*

Transforming Schools Initiative (T-9)

In FY2001, DC Public Schools (DCPS) selected nine schools to reconstitute and transform, including facilities, curriculum, and staffing. In FY2002, another set will be selected, as well as in FY2003. Several existing schools will serve as pilots for the new “neighborhood places” model of coordinated, neighborhood-based social services being implemented by the District agencies. The T-9 schools in Ward 8 are the Simon Elementary

School, which is located at 401 Mississippi Avenue SE, and the Turner Elementary School, which is located at 3264 Stanton Road SE. *Please contact Helen Flag at 202-442-5023 to learn more about this initiative.*

Home Again: Renovating Our City's Abandoned Properties

This initiative will promote the development of the District's vacant and abandoned properties by gaining site control of the properties and by selling them to developers, who will renovate them into new homes. The initiative will begin by gaining site control in five neighborhoods: Columbia Heights, Ivy City/Trinidad, Near Northeast, Rosedale, and Shaw. Then it will expand throughout the city. The initiative's goal is to provide at least 30% of the homes to low-income families. *Please contact Neal Drobenare at 202-727-3899 to learn more about this initiative.*

Other Neighborhood Initiatives

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Partnership for Problem Solving

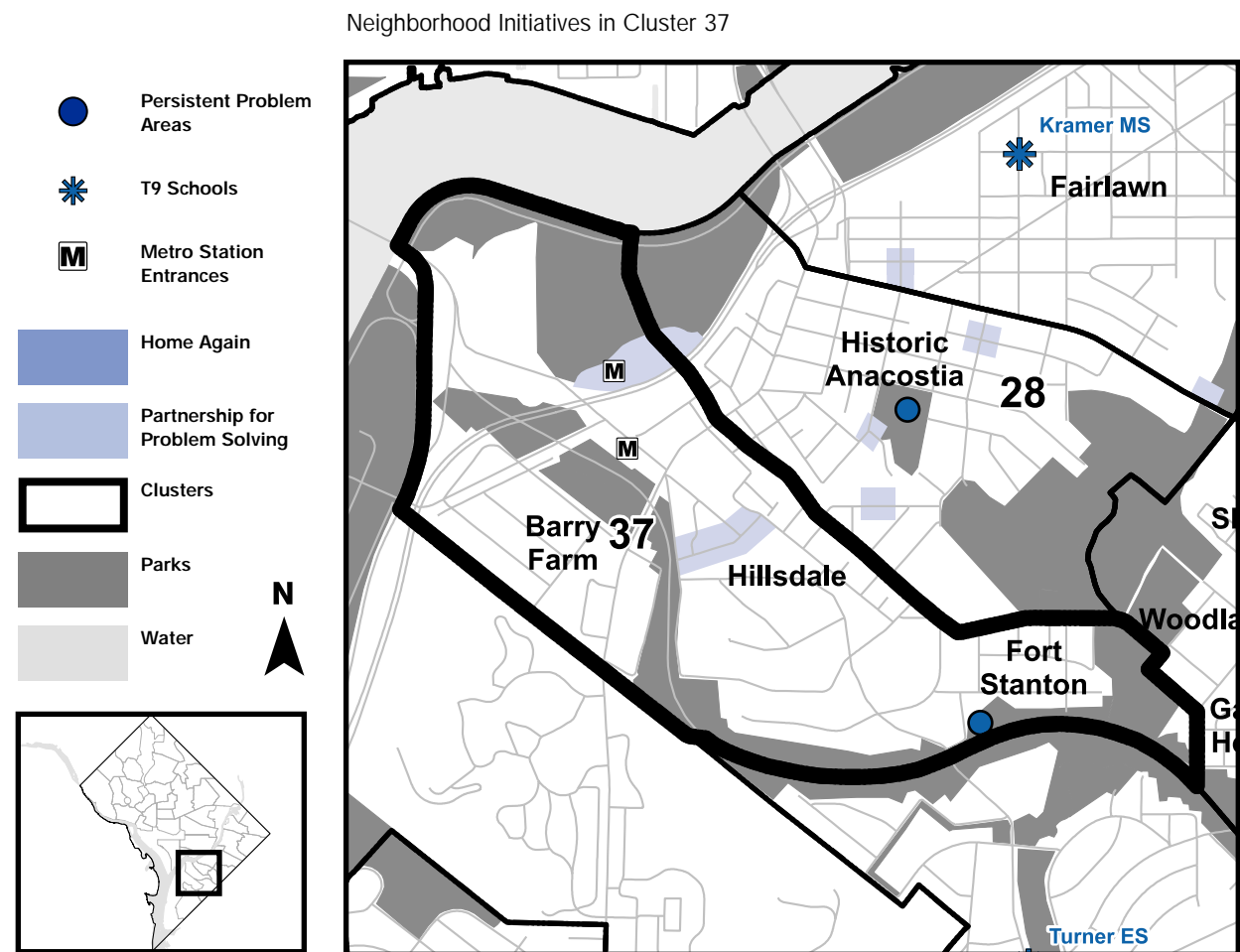
Police Lieutenants are working in partnership with the community and other stakeholders to address local public safety problems. They are developing plans specific to Police Service Areas (the geographic units that the police have implemented in the city) to facilitate the collaborative problem-solving process and to address public-safety issues. Strategies that have been developed focus on addressing offenders, victims, and locations and consist of three types of approaches: focused law enforcement, neighborhood partnership, and systemic prevention. *Please contact Ann Russell at 202-727-1585 to learn more about this initiative.*

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

TOD is a land use strategy to accommodate new growth, strengthen neighborhoods, and expand choices and opportunities. TOD capitalizes on bus and rail assets to stimulate and support vibrant, compact, diverse, and accessible neighborhood centers within walking distance of transit. TOD is a strategy that allows for a rich mix of uses—residential, retail, and work places—at densities that are appropriate for the neighborhood. *Please contact Karina Ricks at 202-442-7607 to learn more about this initiative.*

In many instances, the issues addressed in the SNAPs directly link with other neighborhood initiatives, thus creating synergy in areas that will receive substantial public and private resources.

The Neighborhood Initiatives map on the following page depicts the above-mentioned initiatives that are located in your Cluster.



Neighborhood Service Initiative

The Neighborhood Service Initiative is a partnership between 13 District agencies to identify, prioritize, and solve recurring service delivery problems called Persistent Problem Areas (PPAs). PPAs are unique because there are multiple problems in a specific area, which, therefore, will require multi-agency strategies to solve. There is one Neighborhood Service Coordinator (NSC) for each Ward, who coordinates the work of District agencies to solve the neighborhood problems. The NSC for Ward 8 is Dionne Reeder.

To identify the PPAs for this Neighborhood Cluster, the NSC worked with Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, community organizations, business owners, individual residents, and District agencies. Specifically, areas were identified and prioritized, and then specific work plans were

developed for each PPA. Listed below is a more detailed description of each PPA.

There is 1 PPA in Cluster 37:

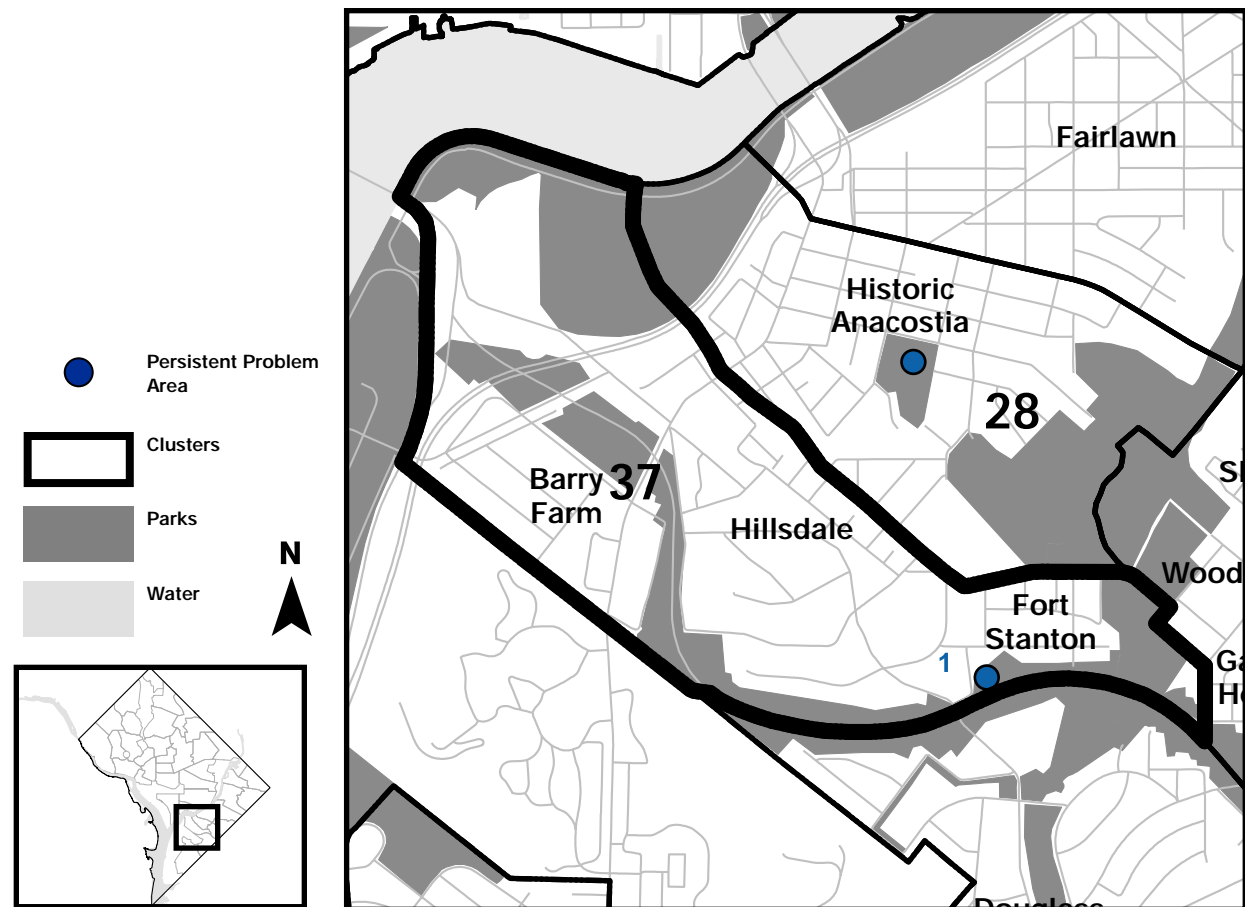
Fort Stanton, 17th and Gainesville SE

Key problems in this area include abandoned autos, traffic, and nuisance properties. Accomplishments have included inspection of over 20 properties to ensure code compliance, installation of a stop sign and rumble strips on Morris and Erie Road, and removal of more than 50 abandoned vehicles. Future work in this area will be increased police patrol and completion of a community garden.

The PPA map on the next page depicts the location of the PPA in your Cluster.

The NSC, in partnership with District agencies and the community, will continue to work on solving this existing PPA. Each quarter, Neighborhood Service will be considering work on additional PPAs in the Cluster. One of the key factors in this decision is determining whether improvements made to the PPAs are being sustained. One of the variables for sustaining these areas is active community involvement, such as conducting regular clean-ups, learning about city codes and regulations, and keeping an eye on properties and reporting any illegal activity. If you have questions, or are interested in partnering with your NSC in addressing these problems, please call Dionne Reeder at 202-645-0308.

Persistent Problem Area in Cluster 37



1. Fort Stanton—17th & Gainesville SE

Your SNAP is a living document, not just a plan collecting dust on a shelf. In fact, a number of activities are currently under way to ensure that the priorities highlighted in this document are addressed. The following are examples:

Progress Updates to Your SNAP

The Office of Neighborhood *Action* is monitoring the status of projects with District agencies. A status update meeting will be held in each Ward twice a year to share with residents the progress of the commitments.

Implementation of Citizen-Driven Actions

The success of this plan depends on a strong partnership among District agencies, other agencies, businesses, community development corporations, the faith community, and you. To find community partners to help implement citizen actions, the Office of Neighborhood *Action* will be making contacts in your Cluster. You are strongly encouraged to take the initiative, to pull people or groups together, and to champion one of these actions. Please contact the Office of Neighborhood *Action* (at 202-727-2822) to learn where you might be able to help.

Role of your Neighborhood Planner

Your Neighborhood Planner will be responsible for implementing several actions in this Ward. During this coming year, your Neighborhood Planner will be helping to provide planning and outreach support for (1) Anacostia Waterfront Initiative at Poplar Point, (2) a commercial revitalization strategy for Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Good Hope Road, (3) redevelopment of St. Elizabeth's Hospital campuses, and (4) exploration of neighborhood-scale development at the Anacostia Metro station.

What Happens
Now

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The Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans were built heavily on past and present plans and documents that have been developed by your neighborhood and the city. For your reference, we have listed a number of relevant plans and documents for your area. Many of these plans are accessible on the Neighborhood Action website at <www.neighborhoodaction.dc.gov> or at your local library.

Reference Materials

Plan:	Date Completed:	Plan Development Led by:
Cluster 37 FY2003 Citizen Budget Guide and Worksheet	March 18, 2002	DC Government
Cluster 37 Visioning Workshop Summary Report	Summer 2001	DC Government, Office of Planning
Cluster 37 Databook	Winter 2001	DC Government, Office of Planning
Ward 8 Plan	1998	DC Government, Office of Planning
City-wide Comprehensive Plan	1998	DC Government, Office of Planning
East of the River Development Initiative Study	December 2000	DC Government, Department of Housing and Community Development, plus Sorg & Associates

Action Plan Partner Abbreviations

ABRA	Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration	DMCYF	Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families, and Elders	NSO	Neighborhood Stabilization Officer
CAH	Commission on Arts and Humanities	DMH	Department of Mental Health	NTHP	National Trust for Historic Preservation
CBO	Community-Based Organization	DMPED	Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development	OCA	Office of the City Administrator
CDC	Community Development Corporation	DMPSJ	Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice	OCC	Office of Corporation Counsel
CFSA	Child and Family Services Administration	DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles	OSCC	Office of the Clean City Coordinator
DBFI	Department of Banking and Financial Institutions	DMO	Deputy Mayor of Operations	OCFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer
DCFD	DC Fire Department	DOC	Department of Corrections	OCP	Office of Contracting and Procurement
DCHA	DC Housing Administration	DOES	Department of Employment Services	OCTO	Office of the Chief Technology Officer
DCHFA	DC Housing Finance Authority	DOH	Department of Health	OLBD	Office of Local Business Development
DCMC	DC Marketing Center	DPR	Department of Parks and Recreation	OP	Office of Planning
DCOA	DC Office of Aging	DPW	Department of Public Works	OPM	Office of Property Management
DCOP	DC Office of Personnel	EMA	Emergency Management Agency	OTR	Office of Tax and Revenue
DCPL	DC Public Libraries	EOM	Executive Office of the Mayor	OZ	Office of Zoning
DCPS	DC Public Schools	FEMS	Fire and Emergency Medical Services	PSA	Police Service Area
DCRA	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs	FHA	Federal Housing Administration	TCC	Taxi Cab Commission
DDOT	District Department of Transportation	IGO	Inspector General's Office	UDC	University of the District of Columbia
DHCD	Department of Housing and Community Development	MPD	Metropolitan Police Department	WASA	DC Water and Sewer Authority
DHS	Department of Human Services	NCRC	National Capital Revitalization Corporation	WCCA	Washington Convention Center Authority
DISR	Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation	NPS	National Park Service	WMATA	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
		NSC	Neighborhood Service Coordinator	ZAC	Zoning Advisory Committee
		NSI	Neighborhood Service Initiative	ZC	Zoning Commission

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